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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

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Farmers' Meetings

Our farmers' meetings in Charlottetown this week will, no doubt, be largely attended. The Sheep Breeders Association and Central Farmers Institute hold their meetings today, with the Federation of Agriculture general meeting this evening. On Friday the Dairywomen's Association meeting will be held, concluding with a banquet and entertainment at the Charlottetown Hotel in the evening, at which the guest speaker will be the Hon. C. B. Sherwood, Minister of Agriculture for New Brunswick and President of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada.

It is customary, following these annual meetings, for the Federation of Agriculture to present a brief to the Legislature, containing recommendations based on the resolutions adopted, and dealing in general with the agricultural situation as it affects this Province. These briefs have proven helpful guides to our lawmakers on previous occasions, and this year will doubtless be no exception.

In the meantime, this week's meetings will be followed with general interest. Marketing and production problems will be discussed, and these are matters of prime concern to everyone in the Province.

British Political Trends

Commenting on Conservative misfortunes in a number of British by-elections, Mr. Ian MacLeod, Minister of Labour, told a political meeting in Manchester: "I do not believe that a Government should abandon courses which it is sure are right because they are or seem to be unpopular, and we have no intention of doing so." The unpopular courses to which Mr. MacLeod referred and which no doubt have contributed to loss of prestige were the removal of restraints on rentals, the increase in welfare costs, curbs on spending and the Government's opposition to widespread demands for wage increases. These measures have undoubtedly diverted a goodly amount of support from the Conservative Party to Labour. In Britain as elsewhere these things are not calculated to win friends and influence people. There is little doubt that if the Macmillan Government were to go to the country in the near future the Labour Party would be at an advantage; for economic restrictions are hardly ever popular, no matter how necessary they may be.

Fortunately, however—for the Conservatives, that is—the Macmillan Government still has a couple of years to go, barring an unexpected defeat in the Commons. So it may be that Mr. MacLeod's courage in the face of growing discontent is not quite as high-minded as it would be if an election were imminent. Popular opinion is at best a fickle thing. And if the present policy of the Government can weather the storms of the next year or so, it may be that Labour's joy at the present political trend will be short-lived. It is, of course, always easier for the Opposition to say what might be if only they were given power than for a government to carry out responsibilities with due regard to economic needs and resources. But, barring unforeseen events, the present Government still has a couple of years to go; and, politics being politics, no matter what the label may be, it would be strange indeed if, after another year or so, the Government did not see its way clear to lift some of the restrictions which now dim its glory.

Meanwhile, the Labour Party, too, although it is capturing some support from the Conservatives, will have to watch its step if it hopes—as it does—to replace the Conservatives after the next general election. With due respect to Mr. Gaitskill, he does not appear to have the political acumen of his predecessor, the present Earl Attlee, nor does he appear to enjoy the public esteem in which

Mr. Attlee was held by all classes and all political parties. His approach to public questions appears to be mainly negative in character—a poor trait in anyone who aspires to leadership of a great nation.

Electronic Love Letters

"Dear Jewel, you are my impatient ardour, my seductive rapture. You are my unsatisfied fondness, my avid rapture. My yearning fervently sighs for your ardent fellow feeling. Yours wistfully, MUC." Any young woman who had received such a passionate avowal of love would probably have taken the trouble to identify the sender from his initials. She would have been chilled to find that the letter had, in fact, been composed by the Manchester University Computer—a nimble fellow who would just as soon let himself go on affairs of the heart as slog away at scientific calculations.

It was not surprising that a flood of enquiries followed a talk recently in a British Broadcasting Corporation program in which 26-year-old writer Jeremy Sandford quoted some of MUC's outpourings and illustrated also the feats of electronic computers as composers of music. Ardent young men with little gift for expression must have felt a new hope dawn when they heard that not only can a computer be taught to spell and obey the laws of harmony, but "it will produce fifty love letters while the human lover is still sucking his pen." Alas! Interviewed after the broadcast, Mr. Sandford admitted that MUC is far too expensive for the man in the street; although it can write a love letter in thirty seconds, it costs about a shilling a second to operate, and frankly it was designed in the first place to work a six-day week on business problems rather than play about with love. MUC, of course, can only do what it has been taught to do and use the words fed into it, so it would be useless to try to switch it from terms of endearment to abuse. MUC, like a gentleman, would simply stop writing. But, Mr. Sandford disclosed, "Sometimes it gets out of hand and goes quite berserk stuttering 'darling, darling, darling' just like that." Shortly after his broadcast Mr. Sandford became engaged but both he and his fiancée firmly repudiated the suggestion that MUC had had any hand in writing his own love letters. And when they were married in London on February 14 (St. Valentine's Day) robot composers had no hand in providing the music.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Iraqis may not be too fond of British politicians, but they do have great respect for British workmanship. At any rate, the Iraqi Government has awarded a contract for building a dam on the Euphrates River and another for exploring the possibilities of a dam in ancient Nineveh to British firms. The two contracts are worth about \$3 million.

Now that the festivities are over Ghana will be able to get down to the serious business of making independence work. Already the inhabitants of one province of the union are in a state of semi-revolt against the central authority. It's not a very good beginning for a new nation which wants to show the world that it is capable of maintaining stable and efficient government.

It is reported that Denmark is planning to withdraw its contingent from the U.N. Middle East force. The reason given is that the burden is being shared by only a relatively few countries. It does seem a little strange that what was intended to be a united effort has turned into a factional one. Some of the countries which did the most talking about the need are not represented at all.

The discovery of cheese is believed to have occurred more than 2,000 years B.C., when someone carried milk in a canteen made from the stomach of a sheep. This gustatory Columbus found the milk had separated into semisolid curd and liquid whey. Since then, cheese has spread around the world. According to the National Geographic Society, it is made from the milk of the cow, sheep, goat, buffalo, horse, camel, ass, reindeer and zebu. Each country has developed its own cheeses, most made of milk curd separated from whey by the addition of rennin—the digestive enzyme present in the original canteen.



SURELY THAT CLOUD WON'T SPOIL OUR DAY?

OTTAWA REPORT

Unexpected Windfalls

By Patrick Nicholson

Ottawa: The Social Credit governments of British Columbia and Alberta last week suddenly reminded politicians here of their party's twenty-two year old dream. Or was it a nightmare? It depends which way you look at it, and whether you support or oppose the Social Credit movement.

Premier W.A.C. Bennett of British Columbia, widely regarded as the comingest politician in Canada, presented all householders in his province with a tax rebate of \$28. Using a slightly different emphasis, Premier Eric Manning of Alberta offered all adult Albertans of five years residence a payment of \$22 from oil royalties received by his government.

Each of these unexpected windfalls gave westerners a contented glow, and all other Canadians a green touch of envy. But neither of these payments is a true Social Credit dividend.

The Social Credit, or "Funny Money," economic theory was based upon the teachings of Major Douglas. That Scot argued that the wages and services which a nation's workers and industries always total less than the selling price of their products. The consequent shortage of purchasing power must mean that the people are unable to buy and enjoy all the goods and services which their country could make available to them. To bridge this gap between available purchasing power and optimum consumption, Major Douglas proposed that the government should put more purchasing power in the hands of the public, by paying a monthly Social Credit dividend to every man, woman and child.

THE WEST'S HEAVEN

Neither the B.C. nor the Alberta payment takes quite this form. The B.C. payment will be made direct to municipalities, and thus will enable them to reduce their taxes on homes. The Alberta payment, coming out of oil royalties, is in effect a partial payment for what is called "a wasting asset," namely the oil which is equally the property of all citizens of the province. This payment is therefore a partial return of capital.

Rev. E. G. Hansell, president of the National Social Credit Association pointed out to me that these payments in the West, contrasted with increased taxation in other parts of Canada and at the federal level, are making many thousands of Canadians sharply

Autos And Automation

By James Stern, automation specialist of the United Auto Workers, in the Antioch Review.

Raw materials and finished products that were manually trucked in and out of a modern automobile plant 10 years ago are automatically dispatched into, ground and out of it by intricate conveyor systems.

The steel scrap that formerly was manhandled out of the plant now departs without even being seen except through a television set. Scrap from each machine automatically drops down chutes into under the ground conveyors.

One man's "ing amid noise that would deafen the uninitiated tends a giant baler fed by many conveyors. By pushing buttons and turning handles, the baler operator regulates the many intake conveyors, the baler itself and the exit pound bundle of steel and scrap hurtling into a gondola type freight car.

ENGINE MACHINING

In the engine machining department there is not a single man on the floor of the room in which the cylinder is being machined.

Formerly there were hundreds of men a few feet apart, each tending a single purpose machine.

Today by pushing a television set panel into a press and two other men took out the formed piece. At successive presses groups of men loaded and unloaded the piece through successive forming, piercing, flanging and

aware of the advantages of Social Credit government.

When these payments were mentioned in Parliament here, our Minister of National Revenue, Doctor J. J. McCann, walked slapping into the session's most devastating bear trap.

One day he declared: "One thing is sure. It is either income or a gift, and it would be subject either to income tax or gift tax."

SOCIAL CREDIT GLEE

The ranks of the Opposition could scarce forbear to cheer, for on the contrary it is the one thing which is sure is that those Social Credit premiers are not such political babes that they would make any such tax gift out of their provincial exchequers into the pockets of Dr. McCann. They would certainly draft the appropriate legislation in such a way that their distributions would not be subject to gift tax or income tax at the federal level.

Doc McCann's cabinet colleagues differed with him violently and immediately. His departmental experts advised him that the Alberta payment is in effect a distribution of capital, not subject to income tax; and that the B.C. distribution, being paid direct to municipalities, could not be taxed in the hands of individuals who do not receive it.

The following day, Doc McCann side-stepped his "one thing is sure" by announcing that, on the contrary, "the matter will be considered." Then he backslid further by asserting that, on the previous day, he had gleefully and unhesitatingly, stated: "One thing is sure... it would be subject to tax."

Neither of these payments is a true Social Credit dividend; no province government has the power to create money to distribute such a dividend. But the public reaction to this distribution of hard cash, and to the ineffective federal attempt to diminish that distribution by the threat of taxation, looks like the great political dividend Social Credit has ever reaped. And this significant harvest comes on the eve of the federal general election in which Social Credit will make its greatest effort to woo former Liberal voters.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

CARFERRY DECK

Sir,—In case you or your readers were wondering what I was asking in the House of Commons concerning the car ferry Prince Edward Island last week it was this:

"Can the Minister of Transport say if his officers are giving active consideration to the request by the Federation of Agriculture, and others in our Province to plank the lower, or railway deck of the car ferry Prince Edward Island?"

Hansard got it twisted a bit and made it read "lower the deck of the car ferry." And of course that does not make sense. Your Ottawa correspondent unfortunately was misled by a very accurate reporting medium.

Thanking you for the space to make this correction

I am, Sir, etc.
 NEIL A. MATHESON
 Member for Queens

Ottawa.

FORTY-FIVES

Sir,—In a game of Forty-Fives we had at the Provincial Sanatorium clubs were trump.

B. was 35. He took first trick with the Queen of trumps and played an off suit card. A. was 40. He played the deuce of trump, winning the second round. B. however, had the Jack of trumps still in his hand.

Some think B. won with the Queen as best trump. I say no; B's and A's tricks were worth five each as A. was already forty and getting the second round won him the game. Please advise, thank you.

I am, Sir, etc.
 VETERAN

(Our office expert informs us that A. got there first and won.—Ed. G.)

OUR YESTERDAYS

From the Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(March 14, 1932)

Debentures to the amount of \$100,000 are to be issued by the City to pay for unemployment expenditure, permanent works and outstanding deficits, according to a decision approved of at the first regular monthly meeting of the new City Council last night.

The Workmen's Association of Summerside at a recent meeting

trimming operations.

Today one man feeds the panel to an iron hand which in turn feeds the piece into the press. Another iron hand takes the piece from the press and places it on a conveyor leading to the next press. There another iron hand grasps the piece and puts it in a grass. The press turns on automatically and another iron hand pulls the piece out.

NO OPERATORS

There are no operators along the automated press line, and only few at the beginning and end of the operation. A few years ago there were three or four dozen men along each line.

Titles of new jobs that have appeared within UAW bargaining units within the last year include "atomic reactor assembly mechanic," "electronic data processing procedure analyst," and "missile preflight electronic checkout mechanic."

MAXIMS

A man is young if a lady can make him happy or unhappy. He enters middle age when a lady can make him happy, but can no longer make him unhappy. He is old and goes if a lady can make him neither happy nor unhappy.

OCEAN HAVEN

Fair Isle in the Shetland Islands north of Scotland has long been a noted bird sanctuary.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D.

What is your doctor's code of ethics? I'm sure many of you have wondered about this.

While the medical profession has always maintained a high standard of ethics, the code was a century-old document that was wordy and confusing.

Recently, physicians adopted a modernized code often principles dealing with protection of patients and society. I think you should be familiar with some of them at least.

PRIME OBJECTIVE

The prime objective of the medical profession is to render service to humanity, with full respect to both the dignity of man and the rights of patients.

Physicians must, and do, merit the confidence of those entrusted to their care, rendering to each a full measure of service and devotion.

They should strive continuously to improve their medical knowledge and skill and should make available the benefits of their professional attainments to each.

SECTARIAN SYSTEM

A physician should not base his practice on an exclusive dogma or a sectarian system, nor should he associate voluntarily with those who indulge in such practices.

Except in emergencies, a physician may choose whom he will serve.

Having undertaken the care of a patient, the physician may not neglect him. Unless he has been discharged, he may discontinue his services only after having given adequate notice.

He should not solicit patients.

In the practice of medicine, a physician should limit the source of his professional income to medical services actually rendered by him to his patients.

A physician should seek consultation in doubtful or difficult cases, upon request or when it appears that the quality of medical service may be enhanced thereby.

RESPECT CONVICENCES

Confidences entrusted to physicians and deficiencies observed in the disposition or character of patients, during the course of medical attendance, should not be revealed except as required by law unless it becomes necessary in order to protect the health and welfare of the individual or the community.

These are only a few of the countless rules respected by your physician which help him to provide you with the best service possible.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

T. W.: How can I tell if my child has worms? What are the symptoms?

Answer: There are no definite symptoms of worms. However, the child may complain of itching and may have periods of diarrhea.

passed a resolution calling for a reduction of their hourly rate of pay from 30 cents to 25 cents. This resolution was passed to the Town Council on Monday night where it was approved and received the commendation of the Mayor and Councilors.

TEN YEARS AGO

(March 14, 1947)

A large representative meeting, assembled Wednesday evening in the New Haven School, appointed delegates to wait upon the Provincial Government with the request that the Charlottetown Borden Highway be paved as soon as possible. Almost all districts along the proposed route were represented at the meeting.

Apart from Charlottetown shipments, the first carload of eggs to be routed to the Surplus Products Board from the province left O'Leary a few days ago, Mr. F. M. Nash, senior poultry products inspector reported yesterday. The shipment, he said consisted of 660 cases.

NOTES BY THE WAY

You do not keep the wolf away from the door by taking away the door.—The Times of India

Spring must be around the corner since the galoshes are showing signs of wear.—Sarnia Canadian Observer

The A-powered American submarine Nautilus has travelled 60,000 miles on a lump of uranium "smaller than a light bulb." It is soon to refuel. We hope that the builders know better than ordinary people when the light bulb is about to burn out.—Toronto Star

I would seem quite astounding—almost past belief—to hear that in any country a commodity is taxed 54 per cent, on the ordinary retail price, 117 per cent of the retail price less taxes, and 192 per cent of the manufacturer's selling price. Yet these are the actual rates of taxes upon a commodity sold in Canada—cigarettes.—Montreal Gazette

The days of egg shortages in Britain are fading rapidly, according to latest reports from London which indicate that they'll soon be out of the luxury class. British hens now provide a 96 per cent of the eggs eaten here compared with 50 per cent, before the war. It is predicted that in a short time Britain will become "completely self-sufficient" in eggs. That's good news for Britons but probably not for those making up the deficiency.—St. Thomas Times-Journal

It isn't the good food of the old days that we oldsters need, so much as the good hard work which developed the good appetites.—Nanaimo Free Press

Baby Sitter (reading): "And after Goldilocks ate the porridge she went up stairs and saw three bed Junior: 'Jeepers! That porridge must have been spiked.—Welland Tribune

Doctors are urging medical examinations as a prerequisite to the issuing of drivers' licences. It would make more sense to give the prospective pedestrian a physical; he's the one who has to be agile.—Winnipeg Tribune

Death duty of £3,155,493 has been paid on the state of Lord Dulverton, president of the Imperial Tobacco Company, who died last December, aged 76. He left £4,268,270 gross, £4,025,618 net value. Lord Dulverton, the first baron was formerly Sir Gilbert Wills.—London News

Mr. Pickersgill supplied an ironic little footnote to the air bridge. Although he described it as the largest air lift of its kind ever undertaken by the Canadian Government, no Canadian planes are involved. The aircraft that will fly the immigrants to Canada are owned by five United States airlines. That is embarrassing to a nation which prides itself on being one of the most air-minded in the world.—Winnipeg Free Press



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- SMELTS 2 lbs. 45c
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- HERRING 3 for 35c

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